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(57) Abstract: A process is provided for the manufacture of a tea product which is readily infusible and has improved red colour. The process comprises contacting black tea with ascorbic acid and/or its salts, an oxidizing agent and water for a period of at least 5 minutes followed by drying to prepare a tea product that is infusible in water at 5 to 100°C.

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